

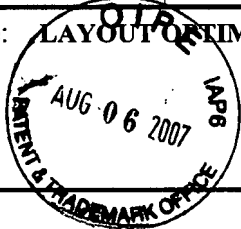
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Title: **LAYOUT OPTIMIZATION UNDER CONSTRAINTS ON EDGE PLACEMENT**



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In response to the above-referenced Notice dated July 9, 2007, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, applicants respectfully request that the attached "Replacement Sheet" correctly showing --FIG. 2A-- be substituted for the drawing sheet currently on file.

Also enclosed is an "Annotated Sheet" showing the required drawing correction in red ink.

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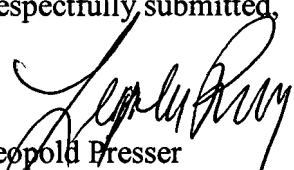
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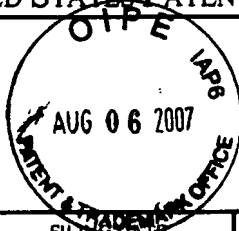
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NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION**10/776,901**

The drawings filed 05-16-2007 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figure 2a is listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figure 2 is contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer**, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings, whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

Failure to correct the above noted inconsistency will result in **abandonment** of the application.

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